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Human Services Reports Alcohol Compliance Results

On average, 88% percent of businesses in N.D. comply and do not sell to minors

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services congratulates law enforcement agencies on their continued efforts to conduct alcohol compliance checks. In 2012 statewide compliance checks, off-sale establishments that were checked had a compliance rate of 86 percent and on-site establishments had a compliance rate of 89 percent.

"The Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws grant funding has provided valuable assistance to the Minot Police Department in our efforts to curtail underage drinking," said Captain Rob White, Minot police department.

Law enforcement agencies working with underage youth visited liquor stores, restaurants, and bars to check for compliance with laws that prohibit alcohol sales to people under age 21. Local law enforcement agencies visited 29 off-sale establishments and 787 on-site establishments in 2012.

The compliance checks were funded by the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) program of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The money is awarded annually to the N.D. Department of Human Services and distributed to individual law enforcement agencies through the North Dakota Highway Patrol. Fifty-three city and county law enforcement agencies participated in the grant program.

For more substance abuse prevention information, contact the department's Prevention Resource and Media Center at 701-328-8919, toll-free 800-642-6744, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or visit the website www.nd.gov/dhs/prevention.

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